

**IC 20-10.1-15**

## Chapter 15. The Postsecondary Enrollment Program

**IC 20-10.1-15-1****"Eligible institution" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "eligible institution" means an accredited public or private college or university located in Indiana that grants a baccalaureate or associate degree.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

**IC 20-10.1-15-2****"Program" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the postsecondary enrollment program established under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

**IC 20-10.1-15-3****"Secondary credit" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "secondary credit" means credit toward graduation requirements granted by a student's school corporation upon the successful completion of a course taken under the program.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

**IC 20-10.1-15-4****Establishment of program; enrollment in courses; credits**

Sec. 4. (a) The postsecondary enrollment program is established for secondary school students in grades 11 and 12.

(b) A student may, upon approval of that student's school corporation, enroll in courses offered by an eligible institution under the program on a full-time or part-time basis during grade 11, grade 12, or both.

(c) If a course has been approved for secondary credit by the school corporation, a student is entitled to credit toward graduation requirements for each course the student successfully completes at that institution.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

**IC 20-10.1-15-5****Information concerning program**

Sec. 5. Before February 1 each year, the school corporation shall provide each student in grades 10 and 11 with information concerning the program.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

**IC 20-10.1-15-6****Notice of intention to enroll in program**

Sec. 6. Each student who intends to enroll in an eligible institution under the program shall notify the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-7**

##### **Meeting with students; recommendation; determination of eligibility and course credits**

Sec. 7. (a) A representative of the school corporation shall meet with each student who intends to participate in the program and discuss the following:

- (1) The student's eligibility to participate in the program.
- (2) The courses in which the student is authorized to enroll.
- (3) The postsecondary credit the student earns upon successful completion of a course.
- (4) The consequences of a student's failure to successfully complete a course.
- (5) The student's schedule.
- (6) The financial obligations of the student and the school under the program.
- (7) The responsibilities of the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the school under the program.
- (8) Other matters concerning the program.

(b) The representative of the school corporation shall make a recommendation to the principal concerning the student's participation in the program.

(c) The principal shall make a determination, based on the recommendation received under subsection (b), concerning:

- (1) the student's eligibility to participate in the program; and
- (2) the courses approved for secondary credit.

(d) The principal shall notify the student and the superintendent of the school corporation, in writing, of the determination under subsection (c). If the principal determines that:

- (1) the student is not eligible to participate in the program; or
- (2) a course in which the student intends to enroll is not approved for secondary credit;

the principal must state, in writing, the reasons for that determination.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-8**

##### **Policies to implement programs**

Sec. 8. The governing body of each school corporation shall adopt policies to implement the program, based on guidelines established by the department of education.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-9**

##### **Appeal of determination**

Sec. 9. (a) If a student disputes a determination made by the principal under section 7(c) of this chapter, the student may appeal the determination to the governing body by submitting to the governing body, in writing, the reasons the student objects to the

determination. The governing body shall review a determination made under section 7(c) of this chapter and render a decision concerning that determination. The governing body shall notify the student and the principal, in writing, of its decision.

(b) If the student or the principal disputes the decision of the governing body under subsection (a), that individual may appeal to the state board of education. The decision of the state board of education is final.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-10**

##### **Application for enrollment in institution; admission; financial assistance**

Sec. 10. (a) A student who is approved for participation in the program may apply for enrollment to an eligible institution. The institution shall accept or reject the student based on the standards ordinarily used to decide student enrollments. However, a student who is approved for participation in the program by the student's school corporation may not be refused admission solely because the student has not graduated from a secondary school.

(b) The eligible institution shall promptly inform the:

- (1) student;
- (2) student's principal; and
- (3) department of education;

of its decision under subsection (a).

(c) Upon demonstration of financial need, an eligible institution may grant financial assistance to a student accepted for admission to that institution.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-11**

##### **Average daily membership computation**

Sec. 11. A student who participates in the program shall be considered a student enrolled in the school corporation in computing average daily membership as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1(d).

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-12**

##### **Secondary credits**

Sec. 12. A school corporation shall grant secondary credit for a course successfully completed by a student at an eligible institution, if the course was approved for secondary credit by the school corporation. The student's school records must reflect that these credits were earned at an eligible institution.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-13**

##### **Postsecondary credits**

Sec. 13. If a student enrolls in an eligible institution after graduation from secondary school, the institution shall award

postsecondary credit for a course successfully completed by the student at the institution. If the student enrolls in another eligible institution, that institution may grant credit for courses successfully completed by the student.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-14**

##### **Lists of students and courses**

Sec. 14. At the end of each school year, each school corporation shall submit to the department of education the following:

- (1) A list of the students in the school corporation who are enrolled in the program.
- (2) A list of the courses successfully completed by each student who is enrolled in the program.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-15**

##### **Records**

Sec. 15. (a) Each school corporation shall make and maintain records for each student enrolled in the program of the following:

- (1) The courses and credit hours in which the student enrolls.
- (2) The courses that the student successfully completes and fails to complete.
- (3) The secondary credit granted to the student.
- (4) Other information requested by the department of education.

(b) The department of education is entitled to have access to the records made and maintained under subsection (a).

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-16**

##### **Postsecondary enrollment program fund**

Sec. 16. (a) The postsecondary enrollment program fund is established to provide financial assistance to students participating in the program. The department of education shall administer the fund.

(b) The fund consists of:

- (1) appropriations made to the fund by the general assembly;  
and
- (2) gifts to the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund. If, however, the fund is abolished, money in the fund shall be deposited in the state general fund.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-17**

##### **Duties of department of education**

Sec. 17. (a) The department of education shall:

- (1) establish guidelines to carry out this chapter;
- (2) evaluate the program annually and report to the Indiana state board of education concerning the program; and
- (3) adopt procedures for the award of grants from the postsecondary enrollment program fund established under section 16 of this chapter.

(b) The guidelines established under subsection (a)(1) must encourage participation by students at all achievement levels and in a variety of academic and vocational subjects.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.21-1995, SEC.52.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-18**

##### **Rules**

Sec. 18. The state board of education shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-10.1-15-19**

##### **Actions not prohibited by chapter**

Sec. 19. This chapter does not prohibit:

- (1) a student from enrolling in or attending an education program when that student is not required to be in attendance at the student's school corporation;
- (2) a school corporation from:
  - (A) providing a supplemental postsecondary education program to its students; and
  - (B) permitting a student to attend an education program during the regular school day or regular school year; or
- (3) an eligible institution from permitting a student of a school corporation to enroll in or attend a course offered or sponsored by that institution.

*As added by P.L.230-1987, SEC.1.*